

Date

Mr. John M. Spain
Executive Vice President
Baton Rouge Area Foundation
402 North Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-301

Dear Mr. Spain:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its May 20, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an “updated” advisory opinion as to whether the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAAF) may pay for the travel expenses of a proposed delegation to The Netherlands to study water and coastal related research, engineering, restoration, protection and resiliency efforts in connection with the new coastal research center for Louisiana. The Board previously considered your request in Docket No. 2011-1315. You stated that the facts provided have not changed other than this request was only being made on behalf of BRAAF and not the Water Institute of the Gulf.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that, given your representations that none of the facts have changed as provided in Docket No. 2011-1315, the Board affirms its prior opinion and encloses a copy of such herein for your reference.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Tracy M. Barker
For the Board

Enclosure